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# **WALTER FAMILY**

## **HISTORY**

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## Preface

**I**N the scriptures, particularly the old Testament, much attention was given to Genealogy.

As we grow older, the desire to know more of our ancestry is very natural. And that our ancestral lines may be carefully preserved for future generations—seems an obligation upon us.

"Blood is thicker than water," hence those of the same family, should be nearer and dearer to us than others.

It is with such thoughts that this work has been compiled.

I am under obligations to many members of the family in furnishing information and data of interest in compilation of this booklet and especially am I indebted to Rev. Pfleiderer of Abstatt Germany, in supplying the church record of that village, the birthplace of our forefathers.

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## History

The name WALTER means: a Woodmaster or Keeper of the Woods.

1. John Phillip Walter and his wife Maria Elizabeth Utz, their brothers and sisters, their parents and grandparents and seven of their nine children were born in Abstatt, County of Marbach, County seat, Heilbronn, State of Wurtemberg, near the river Nekar, Germany.

He owned his own home, besides farming small plots of ground in or near Abstatt. As was the custom in those early days, people lived in towns, but farmed scattered acres of land, which at death or migration would revert to the government.

A few friends and relatives had already emigrated to America, especially Jacob Utz, the only brother of Maria Elizabeth Utz Walter, who came to Cranberry Township and settled on a farm north of New Washington, Ohio, sometime in the decade 1830-1840. And her only sister Christine Utz Bieber who with her husband and family had also made their home near New Washington. So on May 25, 1846 John Phillip and his wife decided to take their six children and follow their friends to the new World.

Since our Reunion in 1927 we learned of a Diary written by Elizabeth Catherine, eldest daughter of John Phillip Walter during the ocean voyage to America. John C. Williams vividly recalls hearing his mother speak of this diary. We have made inquiries but all efforts to reclaim it have been unsuccessful.

Elizabeth Williams Fike and Emma Williams Revert





recall hearing their mother relate experiences of the Walter family, on their long ocean voyage to America, and Mary Walter Brown remembers hearing Grandmother Walter tell her about their trip; how very tired and sea sick they all were after one severe storm while on the ship.

When they came from Albany to Buffalo, New York by way of the Canal, the boys jumped out on the bank when the boat was near enough, and the driver, to tease them, kept the boat from the bank, making the boys walk several miles.

Their trip from Buffalo to Bucyrus was on flat open cars. Their clothing and baggage needed careful oversight as the sparks from the engine often set them on fire. Uncle and Auntie Bieber, the latter, the sister of Grandmother Walter, met them at the train and brought them to their home north of New Washington where they lived a number of weeks until they purchased the present Walter farm.

"In 1846 John Phillip Walter<sup>1</sup> purchased 75 acres in the Southwest quarter of Section 3 Cranberry Township from Frederick Weber, for \$500.00. Weber purchased the land from John G. Strawhecker in 1840. The latter probably having purchased it from the Government." (This information received from H. O. Sharp, Crawford Co. Recorder, Feb. 1928). This farm was located in the wilderness about one mile north of New Washington, and the old lane leading to the house was perhaps a quarter of a mile east of the main road, which is a continuation of Kibler Street. A log house with one large room below and a loft above, was their first home

on the farm. On winter mornings the children often found snow on their beds.

The old well and garden was just south of the house, and the old orchard, as the grandchildren remember it, was just west of it. In this home the two younger children, Maria Christina, and John Conrad, were born, and here the father, the eldest daughter, Elizabeth Catherine, and a son Frederick Jacob, died; the latter just as a new home was being completed.

After his father's death John Frederick married and built the new home, a frame house, which has been in continuous possession of the Walter family. The stone used in building the foundation for this home, was hauled by him, from the Leesville Quarry, during severe winter weather.

The house was completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1861. Nearly all of the grandchildren and some of the great grandchildren have fond recollections of many happy days spent in this dear old home and its surroundings.

The short road leading from the main highway to the old lane was often impassable in bad weather and especially at the advent of the auto. A few years ago, the East and West road which bounds the farm on the north, was improved, so the present occupant of the farm, Jacob Frederick, the younger son of John Frederick Walter, moved the house to the present more desirable site, facing the improved road.

It was at this ideal location where the first Walter reunion was held on September 4th, 1927.





MARIA ELIZABETH WALTER

FOLLOWING is a copy from a fly-leaf of the Walter Family prayer book in Maria Elizabeth Walter's hand writing:

- 1829 Den 30 ten November ist meine liebe Tochter Elizabetha Catherina auf diese Welt geboren. Und wieder in 1846 den 25 September gestorben.
- 1832 Den ersten October is mein lieber sohn Jakob Frederich auf diese Welt geboren und wieder in 1839 den 2ten Februar gestorben.
- 1834 Den 27ten September ist mein lieber sohn Johan Frederich auf diese Welt geboren abends zwischen 5 und 6 uhr. Gott gieb ihm glück und segen, gesundheit und ein langes leben.
- 1837 Den 4ten Januar ist meine liebe Tochter Elizabetha Frederika auf diese Welt geboren zwischen 11 und 12 uhr. Gott gieb ihr glück und segen, gesundheit und ein langes leben.

- 1840 Den 7ten Mai ist mein liebes töchterlein Elizabetha Carolina geboren, morgens um 4 uhr. Gott gieb ihr glück und segen, gesundheit und ein langes leben.
  - 1842 Den 31ten März ist meine liebe tochter Rosina Louisa geboren morgens swischen 7 und 8 uhr. Gott gieb ihr glück und segen, gesundheit und ein langes leben.
  - 1845 Den 11ten Februar ist mein lieber sohn Frederick Jacob geboren am mittag zwischen 1 und 2 uhr. Gott gieb ihm glück und segen, gesundheit un ein langes leben. Er is gestorben den 21 ten September 1861.
  - 1847 Den 2ten November ist mein liebes töchterlein Maria Christina geboren zwischen 7 und 8 uhr. Gott gieb ihr glück und ein langes leben.
  - 1850 Den 24ten October ist mein liebes söhnlein Conrad Johan geboren zwischen 7 und 8 uhr. Gott gieb ihm gesundheit und ein langes leben.
- Following is the English translation of the foregoing, by D. V.:
- 1829 November 30th, my dear daughter Elizabeth Catherine was born—and died September 25, 1846.
  - 1832 October 1st, my dear son Jacob Frederick was born and died February 2, 1839.
  - 1834 September 27th, my dear son John Frederick was born in the evening between five and six o'clock. God bless him with success, health and a long life.
  - 1837 Jan. 4th, my dear daughter Elizabeth Frederika was born between eleven and twelve o'clock. God bless her with success, health and a long life.



1840-1888  
Caroline Smith Hager

- 1840 May 7th, my dear little daughter Elizabeth Caroline was born in the morning between seven and eight o'clock. God bless her with success, health and a long life.
- 1842 March 31st my dear daughter Rosina Louisa was born in the morning between seven and eight o'clock. God bless her with success, health and a long life.
- 1845 Feb. 11th my dear son Frederick Jacob was born at noon between one and two o'clock. God bless him with success, health and a long life. He died Sept. 21, 1861.
- 1847 Nov. 2nd my dear little daughter Maria Christina was born between seven and eight o'clock. God give her health and a long life.
- 1850 Oct. 24th my dear little son Conrad John was born between seven and eight o'clock. God give him health and a long life.

And below is the fac-simile of John Phillip Walter's signature as found in his German Hymnal.

John Phillip  
Walter  
geboren am 5. Au  
gust 1805

In Germany the Walters were members of the Abstatt Evangelical Church.

In the history of Crawford County, published in 1881 by John Hopley of Bucyrus, Ohio, concerning the early history of the New Washington Evangelical Lutheran Church we find that the congregation was composed of about sixty families. In the fall of 1853 the cornerstone was laid and on October 8, 1854 the new frame Church on West Mansfield Street was dedicated.

At that time the members of the Church council were: George Donnenwirth, Valentine High, Jacob Utz, George Leonhardt, John Phillip Walter, Jacob Weil, Michael Marquart and John A. Sheetz.

The following is a copy of the Church Family Register, as received from Pastor Pfeiderer of Abstatt Dec. 16, 1927.



EVANGELICAL CHURCH CONGREGATION ABSTATT. DISTRICT—MARBACH ON RIVER  
NEKAR. COPY OF THE CHURCH FAMILY REGISTER VOLUME 1—PAGE 192 b.

Place and Day of Birth	Father Name in full— occupation and description.	Place and Day of Marriage	Mother Name in full	Place and Day of Birth
Abstatt May 5th, 1805.	John Phillip Walter. Resident and farmer. Came in 1846, with his family to America.	Sept. 30, 1828 in Abstatt.	Maria Elizabeth nee Utz.	Abstatt May 4, 1808

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Father's Parents	Mother's Parents
John Phillip Walter, resident and farmer in Abstatt. Born May 8, 1775, died Nov. 28, 1820, in Abstatt. Fredericka nee Walz, born in Abstatt May 3, 1772, died March 25, 1833, in Abstatt.	Conrad Utz, resident and farmer in Abstatt. Born April 19, 1771, died Jan. 7, 1846 in Abstatt. Maria Katherine, nee Unkauf. Born in Abstatt, Oct. 11, 1767, died July 2, 1842 in Abstatt.

Grandparents	
John George Walter, Vintager in Abstatt. Anna Marie nee Michelfelder.	Jacob Utz. Farmer in Abstatt and Margarita nee Wieland.
Jacob Walz, farmer in Abstatt and Marie Magdalena nee Popp. (Popp has been changed to Bopp)	John George Unkauf, Mayor in Abstatt. Marie, nee Walter.

CHILDREN OF JOHN PHILLIP AND MARIA ELIZABETH WALTER.

- | No.  | Name                                   |
|------|--|
| * 1. | Elizabeth Katherine                    |
| 2.   | Jacob Friederich                       |
| 3.   | John Friederich                        |
| 4.   | Elizabeth Friederica                   |
| 5.   | Elizabeth Caroline <u>GRAND MOTHER</u> |
| 6.   | Rosina Loisa                           |
| 7.   | Friederich Jacob                       |

Date of Birth in Abstatt	Baptism	Confirmation	Death
*1 Dec. 1, 1829	Dec. 6, 1829	1843	Sept. 25, 1846
2 Oct. 1, 1832	Oct. 7, 1832		Feb. 2, 1843
3 Sept. 27, 1834	Oct. 5, 1834		
4 Jan. 4, 1837	Jan. 8, 1837		
5 May 7, 1840	May 10, 1840		MAR 10, 1893
6 Mar. 31, 1842	Apr. 3, 1842		
7 Feb. 11, 1845	Feb. 16, 1845		Sept. 21, 1861

Descendants of Parents are still residents here in Abstatt. Your Grandfather had two brothers, John Friederich whose descendants still live here in Abstatt, and John George Walter who moved to Bileruch by Heilbronn and one sister Elizabeth Helena who moved to Gruppenbach and married.

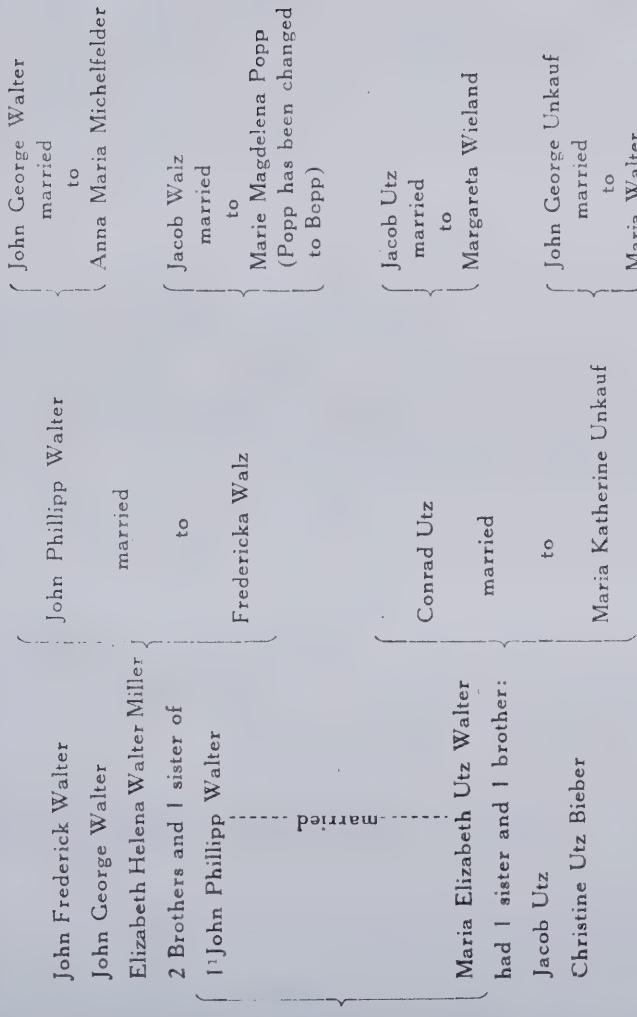
Friendly Greetings.

(Above information received from Germany  
Dec. 16, 1927 and Feb. 10, 1928.)

Pastor Pfeiderer.



The Ancestry of John Phillip Walter and Maria Elizabeth Utz Walter

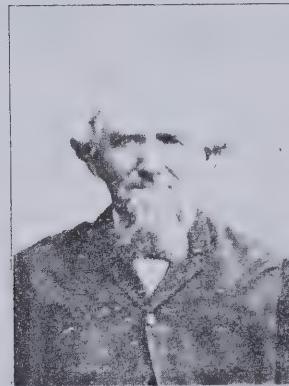


John Phillip Walter,<sup>1</sup> died June 17, 1858 with pneumonia, and his wife Maria Elizabeth, died February 7, 1890, the cause of death being infirmities of age. Both are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at New Washington, Ohio.

To them were born five daughters and four sons.

- 1.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Catherine, b, Nov. 30, 1829, Bapt. Dec. 6, 1829. Confirmed in 1843 in Abstatt, died Sept. 25, 1846, New Washington, Ohio. Buried in the Union Cemetery at New Washington, Ohio.
  - 2.<sup>2</sup> Jacob Frederick Walter, b, Oct. 1, 1832, died Feb. 2, 1839 in Abstatt.
  - 3.<sup>2</sup> John Frederick Walter, b, Sept. 27, 1834.
  - 4.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Fredericka Walter, b, Jan. 4, 1837.
  - 5.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Caroline Walter, b, May 7, 1840. 1888
  - 6.<sup>2</sup> Rosina Louisa Walter, b, Mar. 31, 1842.
  - 7.<sup>2</sup> Frederick Jacob Walter, b, Feb. 11, 1845. Bapt. Feb. 16, 1845. Died Sept. 21, 1861 in New Washington, Ohio. Cause of death, Dysentery.
- John Phillip and Maria Elizabeth then emigrated to New Washington, Ohio where the following two children were born:
- 8.<sup>2</sup> Maria Christina Walter, b, Nov. 2, 1847.
  - 9.<sup>2</sup> Conrad John Walter, b, Oct. 24, 1850.





MR. AND MRS. JOHN FREDERICK WALTER

3.<sup>2</sup> John Frederick Walter, b, Sept. 27, 1834, Bapt. Oct. 5, 1834 in Abstatt, Germany. Confirmed April 28, 1850 in New Washington, Ohio. When 19 years of age he left the farm and became apprenticed to the harness trade in Bucyrus, Ohio. In June 1858 at the death of his father the management of the farm devolved upon him. December 25, 1859, he married Miss Barbara Trimner who was born Sept. 25, 1840, died April 26, 1872. John Frederick was of medium height, had blue eyes and sandy hair. He was a public spirited citizen, serving the people of Cranberry Township in the capacity of Trustee for three terms. Had been a school director and was land appraiser in 1880. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, a church deacon and member of the Church Council at New Washington for 16 years. He conducted the farm for a number of



- years, or until 1893 when he retired and moved to the village of New Washington. He died Tuesday, January 10, 1911 at New Washington, Ohio at 2:45 P. M. Cause of death apoplexy.
- 1.<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Louise Walter, b. Sept. 9, 1860 at New Washington, Ohio, died Aug. 31, 1916 at Bucyrus, Ohio. Married to Charles George Vollmer, born March 13, 1852, died July 26, 1928. They had five sons and five daughters.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> William Ludwig Vollmer, b. July 28, 1879 in Lansing Michigan, died July 5, 1919 at St. Paul, Minnesota. Married Ethel Curtis, b. Jan. 26, 1881, Findlay, Ohio.
- 2.<sup>4</sup> Dorothea Catherine Vollmer, b. Jan. 1882, died, Jan. 1882 at New Washington, Ohio.
- 3.<sup>4</sup> Rosa Bertha Vollmer, b. April 22, 1884 at New Washington. Died Aug. 23, 1919 at Bucyrus, Ohio. Married William Hagemaiier. One adopted son.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> George Charles Hagemaiier, b. Nov. 19, 1908, Galion, Ohio.
- 4.<sup>4</sup> Charles George Vollmer, b. Aug. 26, 1886 in New Washington, Ohio. Married Helen Elizabeth Sorg, b. Feb. 4, 1893, Middletown, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Velma Elizabeth Vollmer, b. Oct. 3, 1914, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 5.<sup>4</sup> John Theodore Vollmer, b. Nov. 19, 1888, at New Washington, Ohio. Married Barbara Pearl Watts, b. July 24, 1890, St. Louis, Missouri. Living in St. Paul.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> John Charles Vollmer, b. Nov. 13, 1918, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 6.<sup>4</sup> Arthur Webster Vollmer, b. Sept. 9, 1890 at New Washington, Ohio, died Mar. 12, 1893.
- 7.<sup>4</sup> Ruth Elizabeth Vollmer, b. Feb. 16, 1893, New Washington, Ohio. Married Robert Stauffer, b. Jan. 5, 1892, at Bucyrus, Ohio.
- 8.<sup>4</sup> Jacob Adam Vollmer, b. Dec. 1894, died Dec. 1894.
- 9.<sup>4</sup> Martha Esther Vollmer, b. Aug. 19, 1896 at New Washington, Ohio. Living in Chicago.
- 10.<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Louise Vollmer, b. Oct. 26, 1902 at Bucyrus, Ohio. Now living in Chicago.
- 2.<sup>3</sup> Mary Catherine Walter, b. Dec. 23, 1861 at New Washington, Ohio. (Now living in West Hollywood, California.) Married Jesse David Brown, b. April 8, 1861, died Nov. 23, 1924. To them were born one son and three daughters.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> Amelia Adora Brown, b. Oct. 7, 1882, at New Washington, Ohio. Married Henry Geiger Watson, b. Feb. 17, 1878, living in Columbus, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Walter James Watson, b. Dec. 4, 1906, at Columbus, Ohio.
- 2.<sup>5</sup> Henry Brown Watson, b. Dec. 12, 1916, at Columbus, Ohio.
- 2.<sup>4</sup> Grover Cleveland Brown, b. July 21, 1884 at, New Washington, Ohio. Married Geraldine Nelles, \_\_\_\_\_. Living at Black Lick, Ohio.
- 3.<sup>4</sup> Ida Emma Brown, b. April 13, 1886 at New Washington, Ohio. Married William F. Hengstenberg \_\_\_\_\_. Living in West Hollywood, California.
- 4.<sup>4</sup> Elsie Louise Brown, b. Aug. 26, 1888, at New Washington, Ohio. Married Henry M. Grossman, b. Jan. 20, 1885.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Robert Brown Grossman, b. Oct. 14, 1912, Canton, Ohio.
- 2.<sup>5</sup> Donald Brown Grossman, b. Sept. 24, 1917, Co-



- lumbus, Ohio. All now living in West Hollywood, California.  
 3.<sup>3</sup> Emma Caroline Walter, b. and died at New Washington, Ohio.  
 4.<sup>3</sup> Louise Margaret Walter, b. and died at New Washington, Ohio.  
 5.<sup>3</sup> George Adam Walter, b. and died at New Washington, Ohio.  
 6.<sup>3</sup> John William Walter, b. Mar. 25, 1867 at New Washington, Ohio. Married Lina Wirth, b. June 10, 1870 at Galion, Ohio. Living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. To them were born two sons and one daughter.  
 1.<sup>3</sup> Carrie Walter, b. Nov. 3, 1893 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Married Elmer Paul Ross, b. April 6, 1893. Living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.  
 2.<sup>3</sup> Carl John Frederick Walter, b. Aug. 20, 1896 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Married Helen N. Huneke, b. July 11, 1897. Living at Stowe, Ohio.  
 1.<sup>3</sup> John Edward Walter, b. Feb. 12, 1917 at Akron, Ohio.  
 2.<sup>3</sup> Carl Frederick Walter, b. April 22, 1918 at Akron, Ohio.  
 3.<sup>3</sup> Allan Paul Walter, b. Dec. 26, 1919 at Akron, Ohio.  
 4.<sup>3</sup> Donald Herbert Walter, b. April 15, 1924 at Akron, Ohio.  
 3.<sup>4</sup> Herbert Walter, b. \_\_\_\_\_. Died \_\_\_\_\_. Bucyrus, O.  
 7.<sup>3</sup> Jacob Frederick Walter, b. April 3, 1869, Married Elizabeth Knieramer, b. Jan. 2, 1870. To them were born four sons and four daughters.  
 1.<sup>3</sup> Bertha Walter, b. June 10, 1894 at New Washington, Ohio. Married Carl F. Green, b. Jan. 26, 1887. Living in Carrothers, Ohio.  
 1.<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Mae Green, b. May 5, 1921, at Chatfield, Ohio.  
 2.<sup>4</sup> Emma Walter, b. May 25, 1897, at New Washington, Ohio. Married Otis Tobin, b. July 5, 1892, living in Bucyrus, Ohio.  
 1.<sup>5</sup> Doris Tobin, b. Nov. 26, 1920.  
 2.<sup>5</sup> Walter Tobin, b. May 13, 1922.  
 3.<sup>5</sup> Margaret Tobin, b. June 17, 1925.  
 3.<sup>4</sup> Edith Walter, b. Nov. 16, 1898 at New Washington, Ohio. Married Harvey Layer, living in Bucyrus, O.  
 1.<sup>5</sup> Esther Elizabeth Layer b. Feb. 22, 1923.  
 2.<sup>5</sup> Evelyn Naomi Layer, b. Feb. 18, 1928.  
 4.<sup>4</sup> John Frederick Walter, b. June 26, 1901 at New Washington, Ohio.  
 5.<sup>4</sup> Harry J. Walter, b. April 16, 1903, at New Washington, Ohio. Married Gladys Newhouse, b. Mar. 16, 1905. Living in Willard, Ohio.  
 1.<sup>5</sup> Carlton Walter, b. July 22, 1924.  
 6.<sup>4</sup> Victor C. Walter, b. April 27, 1905, at New Washington, Ohio.  
 7.<sup>4</sup> Arthur L. Walter, b. Feb. 23, 1907, at New Washington, Ohio.  
 8.<sup>4</sup> Helen D. Walter, b. Dec. 7, 1912, died Jan. 14, 1913, at New Washington, Ohio.  
 3.<sup>2</sup> John Frederick Walter, married his second wife, Caroline Seyfer who died Feb. 1917 at New Washington, Ohio.





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- 4.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Fredericka Walter, b. Jan. 4, 1837. Baptized Jan 8, 1837 in Abstatt, Germany. She came to America with her parents in 1846. She was about five feet, four inches in height, had blue eyes and auburn hair. She was a member of the Church choir until her marriage. On March 12, 1857, she married Anton Williams, b. Jan. 8, 1828 (d. May 17, 1900.) During the first year of their married life they lived with father Williams and in 1858 they moved to a farm one mile south of Reedtown, Ohio. Here they resided until her death, July 9, 1896. To them were born, four sons and four daughters.
- 1.<sup>3</sup> Caroline Catherine Williams, twin, b. Aug. 14, 1858, at Reedtown, Ohio. Died April 14, 1919, Zion



- City, Illinois. On Dec. 25, 1876 she married Alvin Omar Gambee, b. Jan. 18, 1856.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Etta Amanda Gambee, b. June 30, 1878, married Feb. 15, 1898 to Isaac Newton Revert, b. Aug. 30, 1872, Attica, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>2</sup> Alice Magdalena Revert, b. May 5, 1901. Married Feb. 15, 1920 to Clarence Charles Crum, b. June 17, 1895, Attica, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>3</sup> Bernadine Alice Crum, b. Sept. 16, 1922.
  - 2.<sup>1</sup> Arline Marietta Crum, b. Mar. 14, 1926.
  - 2.<sup>2</sup> Arthur Carl Revert, b. June 14, 1904.
  - 3.<sup>1</sup> Ethel Arline Revert, b. April 29, 1913.
  - 2.<sup>1</sup> Cora Elizabeth Gambee, b. Mar. 22, 1880. Married Jan. 17, 1897, Thursby Bowersox, b. Oct. 27, 1880. Living at Attica, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.
  - 1.<sup>1</sup> Bernice Irene Bowersox, b. July 15, 1901.
  - 2.<sup>1</sup> Earl Gambee Bowersox, b. Oct. 31, 1904, married Aug. 5, 1925 to Mildred Leona Shoup, b. Mar. 18, 1908. Living at Attica, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.
  - 1.<sup>1</sup> Helen Irene Bowersox, b. May 2, 1926.
  - 3.<sup>1</sup> Bertha May Gambee, b. Jan. 8, 1883. Married Mar. 17, 1910 to John Adam Liese, b. July 9, 1876. Living at Waukegan, Illinois.
  - 1.<sup>1</sup> Peter Alvin Liese, b. May 1, 1911.
  - 2.<sup>1</sup> Dorothy May Liese, b. May 2, 1913.
  - 3.<sup>1</sup> Catherine Hyacinth Liese, b. Sept. 29, 1914.
  - 4.<sup>1</sup> Bertha Marie Liese, b. Mar. 23, 1916.
  - 5.<sup>1</sup> John Adam Liese, b. April 27, 1918.
  - 6.<sup>1</sup> Thursby Liese, b. Sept. 10, 1919.
  - 7.<sup>1</sup> Hannah Ruth Liese, b. April 9, 1921.
  - 8.<sup>1</sup> Frederick Calvin Liese, b. Jan. 2, 1925.

- 4.<sup>1</sup> Lloyd Owen Gambee, b. May 13, 1892, married Dec. 23, 1913 to Gail Alethia Dean, b. May 10, 1894, died Oct. 19, 1916.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> George Alvin Gambee, b. Sept. 27, 1914.
- 4.<sup>1</sup> Lloyd Owen Gambee, married Minnie Fouse.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Billie Fouse Gambee. Living at Provo Glen Dell, Utah.
- 2.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Mary Williams, twin, b. Aug. 14, 1858, Reedtown, Ohio. Married August 19, 1888 to Henry Fike, b. Feb. 22, 1848.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> Estella Magdalena Fike, b. Dec. 6, 1889, married Jan. 18, 1911 to Howard D. Martin, b. Oct. 7, 1884.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Mildred Lucille Martin, b. May 16, 1912.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Clara Edith Fike, b. Nov. 25, 1892. Married Feb. 7, 1913 to John Franklin Stoner, b. April 17, 1879, died May 13, 1920.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Helen Elizabeth Stoner, b. June 12, 1914.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> John Franklin Stoner, b. July 28, 1916.
- 3.<sup>1</sup> Ferris Earl Fike, b. Nov. 21, 1894, Attica, Ohio.
- 4.<sup>1</sup> Laura Belle Fike, b. July 2, 1896, died Dec. 7, 1896.
- 5.<sup>1</sup> May Delight Fike, b. May 4, 1898, died April 1, 1926.
- 3.<sup>1</sup> John Christian Williams, b. May 25, 1860, Reedtown, Ohio. Married March 25, 1886 to Ida Chamberlin, b. Feb. 12, 1866, died April 21, 1928 at Greenwich, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Ralph John Williams, b. Jan. 27, 1887, married August 31, 1910, to Edna Mary Shaaf, b. Feb. 2, 1885, died Sept. 6, 1922.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Doris Lucille Williams, b. Mar. 8, 1914, Attica, Ohio.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Ruth Ilene Williams, b. Oct. 14, 1916, at Attica, Ohio.



- 2.<sup>1</sup> Walter Glenn Williams, b. July 28, 1889, married Nov. 20, 1912, to Orpha Lattimer, b. Nov. 13, 1889. Living at New London, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Lyle Almon Williams, b. Nov. 13, 1915.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Alice Eilene Williams, b. April 4, 1921.
- 3.<sup>1</sup> Virginia May Williams, b. Oct. 9, 1925.
- 3.<sup>1</sup> Donald Chamberlain Williams, b. Dec. 30, 1896. Living at Greenwich, Ohio.
- 4.<sup>1</sup> Ludwig Frederick Williams, b. July 9, 1863, died Sept. 12, 1864.
- 5.<sup>1</sup> Mary Louise Williams, b. May 26, 1865, died May 24, 1927.
- 6.<sup>1</sup> Edward Frederick Williams, b. Jan. 22, 1867, married Mar. 25, 1898 to Nellie Louise Williams, b. June 2, 1874. Living at Attica, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> William Clinton Williams, b. Jan. 27, 1899, married Mar. 3, 1923 to Helen Irene Senn, b. Mar. 3, 1901. Living at Attica, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 4.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Arlyn Clinton Williams, b. Nov. 14, 1925.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Myrtle Malinda Williams, b. June 18, 1902, married June 18, 1925 to Lloyd Hayward Aichholz, b. Oct. 13, 1895.
- 1.<sup>1</sup> Darl Edward Aichholz, b. Aug. 29, 1926.
- 7.<sup>1</sup> Charles Augustus Williams, b. Feb. 25, 1869, married October 16, 1900 to Nettie May Saliers, b. Dec. 24, 1873. Living at Tiffin, Ohio.
- 8.<sup>1</sup> Emma Louise Williams, b. May 30, 1872, married Jan. 9, 1896 to Samuel M. Revert, b. May 21, 1864. Living at Attica, Ohio, R. D. No. 2.





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5.<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Caroline Walter, b. May 7, 1840. Bapt. May 10, 1840 in Abstatt, Germany. In 1846 she came to America with her parents. June 9, 1855, she was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at New Washington, Ohio. On June 18, 1863, she married J. Frederick Smith, b. November 17, 1833, Germany, died Mar. 11, 1891. (He was 13 years old when he came to America with his parents on the same ship with the Walters.) They resided in New Washington until 1879 when they moved to Eaton, Ohio and five years later removed to De Kalb County, Indiana near Sennit, where they lived until her death, Mar. 10, 1888. She was of short stature, and stout,

*The year I was born  
1888*

had auburn hair and blue eyes. To them were born eight sons and five daughters.

- 1.<sup>3</sup> Mary Smith, b. Mar. 28, 1864, d. Mar. 1864.
- 2.<sup>3</sup> William Smith, b. July 18, 1865, d. —
- 3.<sup>3</sup> John C. Smith, b. June 29, 1867, married Catherine Metzler, b. April 24, 1866. Living in Garrett, Ind.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> Mary Ella Smith, b. Dec. 19, 1888, married Steve *Euse* Hager, living in Pueblo, Colorado.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Mary Frances Hager, b. Jan. 2, 1922.
- 2.<sup>5</sup> Gertrude Catherine Hager, b. 1924.
- 3.<sup>5</sup> Charles Edward Hager, b. April 20, 1927.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Mayme Elizabeth Smith, b. Oct. 6, 1890, married Arthur Van Matne, living in Muncie, Indiana.
- 1.<sup>2</sup> Arthur L. Van Matne, b. Aug. 30, 1920.
- 3.<sup>1</sup> Grover A. Smith, b. Nov. 9, 1892, married Gladys Small, living in Frankfort, Indiana. .
- 1.<sup>3</sup> Margaretta La Vern Smith, b. Oct. 8, 1915.
- 2.<sup>3</sup> Louise Josephine Smith, b. Jan. 3, 1917.
- 4.<sup>1</sup> Nellie M. Smith, b. July 24, 1894, (died July 26, 1919), married Henry *Gardiner Gaultier*.
- 5.<sup>1</sup> Charles Frederick Smith, b. Feb. 28, 1896, married Grace Simpson. Living in Cleveland, Ohio. *Grace 1926*
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Nellie Marvel Smith, b. June 1, 1918.
- 2.<sup>1</sup> Catherine Smith, b. Jan. 7, 1920.
- 3.<sup>5</sup> Charles Frederick Smith, Jr., b. July 17, 1922, died Nov. 23, 1922.
- 6.<sup>1</sup> Franklin Joseph Smith, b. Aug. 4, 1904, married Violet J. Reasoner, b. April 3, 1907. Living in Garrett, Indiana.
- 4.<sup>3</sup> Louise M. Smith, b. Oct. 11, 1868, d. Feb. 24, 1869.
- 5.<sup>3</sup> Mary Smith, b. Feb. 11, 1870, married Charles W. Slack, b. Sept. 12, 1868. Living at Sturgis, Michigan.



1. Harley E. Slack, b. Feb. 18, 1892, married Mabel Gottschalk, b. Feb. 1, 1893. Living at La Grange, Indiana, R. R. No. 3.
1. Thelma Irene Slack, b. April 9, 1920.
2. Bruce Richard Slack, b. Nov. 16, 1922.
3. Mary Orlon Slack, b. April 13, 1928.  
~~she died Dec. 13, 1931~~
2. Ora V. Slack, b. Sept. 16, 1893.
3. Vivian M. Slack, b. Oct. 23, 1909.
6. Jacob Smith, b. May 4, 1871, d. June 30, 1872.
7. George L. Smith, b. Sept. 29, 1872, married Martha Stoll, (he died Jan. 30, 1908.)
1. Elmer Smith, b. 1906, married Helen Reidt, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
2. Eleanor Smith, b. Jan. 5, 1908, married Calvin Miller. Living in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.
1. Calvin Eugene Miller, b. Feb. 4, 1928.  
~~He died Mar. 13, 1944~~
8. Lewis C. Smith, b. Jan. 23, 1874.
9. Frank E. Smith, b. Aug. 20, 1877, d. June 3, 1878.
- 10. Elizabeth E. Smith, b. May 22, 1878, married Emery Cain, living in Mongo, Indiana. ~~d. May 1972. Age 94~~
11. Matilda Smith, b. Oct. 30, 1879, married Arthur Pontius, (who died Nov. 11, 1925.)
12. Charles Frederick Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1880, married Zelia Zimmerman, b. Sept. 26, 1872. Living at Garrett, Indiana.
13. Otto Smith, deceased.

- 12-3 Zelia Zimmerman, married to Otto Smith, 1912
- 12-3 Conrad ...
- 10-4 { Paul Cline, b. ... married to Anna S. 1912  
Resid. LaGrange, Jan 30, 1912. I. man, 1912
- 10-7 Matilda Cline, b. Oct. 25, 1872, died January 1911
- 10-7 Dorothy Cline, b. Aug. 1911, died January 1911
- 11-7 ... Paul Cline, b. Oct. 25, 1872, died January 1911
- 12-3 Charles Frederick Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1880  
and died Dec. 12, 1936
- 12-4 Charles Frederick Smith married  
Peggy (Lydia) C. Cary, 26th day of April 1932  
living in Auburn, Ind., Indiana, N.B. #3.  
Feb. 21st, 1974. Father & died. Son George F. Lee.
- 13-1 Nellie Marvel Smith. Married Tom  
Sugars. Living at Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 13-2 Suzanne Elizabeth, May 9, 1944
- 13-3 Steven Trape, Oct 15, 1944
- 1948  
Lewis C. Smith, b. Jan 28, 1874, d. Oct 25





MR. AND MRS. JEREMIAH SMITH

6.<sup>1</sup> Rosina Loisa Walter, b. Mar. 31, 1842, Baptized April 3, 1842, in Abstatt, Germany, confirmed May 27, 1857 in the Evangelical Lutheran church in New Washington. Having come to America with her parents in 1846. On Nov. 13, 1866, she married Jeremiah Smith, b. May 4, 1844, (died Feb. 26, 1904.) They lived successively near Bloomville, New Washington, Van Wert, and Clyde, Ohio. Living for many years in Attica, Ohio, until her death Tuesday, 9:15 P. M., April 2, 1922. Cause of death, pneumonia. She was about 5 feet 4 inches in height,

had sandy hair and blue eyes, and before her marriage was a member of Church Choir at New Washington, Ohio. To them were born three sons and two daughters.

- 1.<sup>2</sup> Henry F. Smith, b. Jan. 11, 1866, died Mar. 27, 1915, married Minerva M. Sponseller, b. June 22, 1864, d. Oct. 26, 1920.
  - 1.<sup>3</sup> Nestle Fern Smith, b. Mar. 12, 1892, married G. Ward Soden, b. Jan. 20, 1889. Living at Geneva, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>4</sup> Gladys Soden, b. June 20, 1913.
  - 2.<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Mary Soden, b. Mar. 25, 1919.
  - 2.<sup>4</sup> Jeremiah J. Smith, b. Mar. 20, 1894, married Mary Heath, b. 1904, (d. Feb. 17, 1925). Living at Mentor, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>5</sup> Dorothy Marie Smith, b. June 23, 1923.
  - 2.<sup>6</sup> Jack Edward Smith, b. Sept. 9, 1924, d. Sept. 9, 1924.
  - 3.<sup>6</sup> Jerald John Smith, b. Sept. 9, 1924, d. Feb. 28, 1925.
  - 2.<sup>7</sup> Jeremiah J. Smith, married Mildred Bently, b. July 28, 1903.
  - 1.<sup>8</sup> Shirley June Smith, b. April 16, 1927.
  - 3.<sup>8</sup> John Frederick Smith, b. Feb. 29, 1896, married Hallie Burkholder, b. Oct. 30, 1902. Living at Mentor, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>9</sup> Florence Evelyn Smith, b. Sept. 26, 1924.
  - 4.<sup>9</sup> Mary Louise Smith, b. Dec. 10, 1897, married Norman Trask, b. Sept. 26, 1897, Huntsburg, Ohio.
  - 1.<sup>10</sup> Betty Jane Trask, b. June 12, 1925.
- Twins.



- 5.<sup>1</sup> Nora Smith, b. Dec. 31, 1899, married Harvey Cook,  
b. Nov. 4, 1898. Living at Geneva, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Esther May Cook, b. April 21, 1919.
- 6.<sup>1</sup> Jacob Taylor Smith, b. Dec. 6, 1902, married Marion  
Jusco, b. Aug. 16, 1908. Living at Mentor, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>7</sup> Joyce Smith, b. Dec. 16, 1925.
- 2.<sup>5</sup> Jacob Henry Smith, b. Aug. 19, 1927.
- 7.<sup>1</sup> Frieda Corrine Smith, b. July 10, 1906, married  
Lester Trask, b. May 6, 1901. Living at Geneva,  
Ohio.
- 1.<sup>5</sup> Millicent Faye Trask, b. April 18, 1928. } Twins  
2.<sup>5</sup> Marjorie Mae Trask, b. April 18, 1928. }
- 2.<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth C. Smith, b. Feb. 12, 1872, married Joseph  
Smith, b. Oct. 3, 1874. Living at Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> Charles Milton Smith, b. Feb. 17, 1905, Attica, Ohio.
- 3.<sup>3</sup> Matilda Louise Smith, b. June 30, 1875, married  
Henry H. Vogt, b. Dec. 1, 1876. Living at Attica,  
Ohio.
- 1.<sup>4</sup> John S. Vogt, b. Mar. 9, 1904, Attica, Ohio.
- 4.<sup>3</sup> John Franklin Smith, b. July 10, 1878, married Flor-  
ence Hahn, b. Oct. 21, 1877. Living at Cuyahoga  
Falls, Ohio.
- 1.<sup>6</sup> Traver Smith, b. April 14, 1907.
- 5.<sup>3</sup> Jacob Edward Smith, b. Nov. 23, 1880, d. Jan. 1,  
1881.





MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. VOLLMER

- 8.<sup>2</sup> Maria Christina Walter, b. Nov. 2, 1847, Baptized in early infancy and confirmed April 16, 1861 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Washington, Ohio, and with the exception of one year in which she lived in Toledo, Ohio, she was a continuous resident of New Washington, until her death. During her girlhood she was a member of the Lutheran Church choir. She was of medium height, dark brown hair and brown eyes. On Sept. 15, 1870 she married John Michael Vollmer, (b. Jan. 13, 1847,) at New Washington, Ohio. (He d. Aug. 3, 1889.) To them were born one son, and six daughters. Her death occurred on Friday 8 A. M., Mar. 22, 1901. Cause of death, apoplexy.
- 1.<sup>3</sup> Carl Frederick Vollmer, b. Oct. 5, 1871, married April 19, 1898 to Rozena V. Whitcum, b. Jan. 10, 1876.

- 2.<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Louise Vollmer, b. Aug. 27, 1873 at New Washington, Ohio.
- 3.<sup>3</sup> Mary Mathilde Vollmer, b. Oct. 15, 1875, at New Washington, Ohio.
- 4.<sup>3</sup> Emma Catherine Vollmer, b. July 30, 1877, d. Nov. 26, 1879, at New Washington, Ohio.
- 5.<sup>3</sup> Clara Caroline Vollmer, b. July 24, 1880, at New Washington, Ohio.
- 6.<sup>3</sup> Anna Josephine Vollmer, b. April 7, 1882, Toledo, Ohio, married Aug. 7, 1924, to L. Frederick Mollenkopf, b. Nov. 29, 1870. Living at Lima, Ohio.
- 7.<sup>3</sup> Dorothea Fredericka Vollmer, b. May 20, 1887 at New Washington, Ohio. Now living in Columbus, Ohio.

Carl Frederick was a telephone operator for many yrs.





MR. AND MRS. CONRAD J. WALTER

9.<sup>2</sup> Conrad John Walter, b. Oct. 24, 1850 at New Washington, Ohio, was baptized in early infancy and confirmed April 30, 1865 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at New Washington, Ohio. He spent his boyhood on his father's farm and later became apprenticed to the shoemaker trade. He was of slender build, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, had black hair and brown eyes. Married Julia Klein on May 4, 1871 at New Washington, Ohio. To them were born one son and two daughters. (At the age of 14 while assisting on the farm of his brother John Frederick, he accidentally received a blow on his head from the hoof of a horse and was rendered unconscious for several days. As years passed on, the results of this injury became more and more manifest and in the year 1880 during a dazed condition he wandered from his home, and every effort to locate him proved fruitless.)

1.<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth C. Walter, b. July 1, 1872, married John H. Partridge Mar. 26, 1901 at New Washington, Ohio. Now living at Tiffin, Ohio.

1.<sup>4</sup> Russell M. Partridge, b. Feb. 23, 1902, married Edith D. Carlson, May 31, 1924. Living in Oak Park, Ill.

2.<sup>4</sup> Walter J. Partridge, b. Aug. 29, 1906, married Florence Zuern. Living in Oak Park, Illinois.

2.<sup>3</sup> Henry L. Walter, b. Dec. 13, 1877, married Maye Young, Dec. 26, 1900. Living in Bellevue, Ohio.

1.<sup>1</sup> Myra B. Walter, b. Oct. 30, 1901, married Alva Wickersham, Bellevue, Ohio.

1.<sup>5</sup> Alma Mae Wickersham, b. Nov. 1927.

2.<sup>1</sup> Almont Walter, b. Dec. 12, 1907.

3.<sup>3</sup> Emma L. Walter, b. Jan. 31, 1880, married James Keller, Oct. 7, 1898. Living at Shelby, Ohio.

1.<sup>1</sup> Florence Keller, b. July 24, 1899.

2.<sup>1</sup> Nina Keller, b. Sept. 23, 1902, married Richard Shupp, Shelby, Ohio.

1.<sup>3</sup> Richard Shupp, Jr., b. Sept. 22, 1919.

2.<sup>5</sup> Velma Shupp, b. July 8, 1921.

3.<sup>5</sup> Betty Shupp, b. Aug. 27, 1923.

4.<sup>3</sup> Peggy Shupp, b. Sept. 1925.

3.<sup>1</sup> Julia Keller, b. May 20, 1907.

4.<sup>1</sup> James Keller Jr., b. Sept. 21, 1913.

N. B.—Julia Klein Walter married Christian Marguert and they are now living in Tiffin, Ohio.



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## Minutes of the First Walter Reunion

THE first reunion of the John Philipp Walter family, was held on Sunday, September 4, 1927 on the old home-  
stead at New Washington, Ohio, where a grandson Jacob F. Walter resides. This farm has been owned, occupied  
and operated by a Walter for 81 years.

The weather was ideal; all nature seemed to rejoice with us at this happy meeting. Cousins came from far and near, by auto and train, with well filled baskets. Faces, we had not seen for many years, recalled happy memories of childhood. Many new faces presented possibilities of perpetuating an annual reunion of our family for years to come. In the newly erected garage the dinner was served cafeteria style about 1 P. M. Soon after dinner Mr. Henry G. Watson, of Columbus, Ohio, called a meeting of all those present on the lawn on the east side of the house.

He appointed Louise Vollmer, Columbus, Ohio chair-  
man for the day. She spoke a few words of greeting and then called on a representative of each family to express their opinion as to a permanent organization. John C. Williams, John W. Walter, Mary Smith Slack, Matilda Smith Vogt, and Henry L. Walter all voiced their sincere desire for an organization which would meet at least once a year. The following officers were then elected by acclamation.

President—John W. Walter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Vice-Pres.—Henry L. Walter, Bellevue, Ohio.

Secy-Treas.—John F. Walter, Jr., New Washington,  
Ohio.

Historian—Dorothy F. Vollmer, Columbus, Ohio.



It was moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a committee on arrangements and entertainment. Motion carried and the following were selected.

Ralph Williams, Attica, Ohio, Chairman.

Carl Walter, Stow, Ohio.

Walter Watson, Columbus, Ohio.

Bertha Walter Green, Carrothers, Ohio.

Some opposed holding future reunions on Sunday, as this day is too often used or devoted to things other than the Lord's worship. And while we all agreed that this opinion was worthy of consideration, yet the majority felt that such a meeting as we were having this day, was not a desecration of the Lord's day. Besides many of us who work in shops, stores, and offices and the children in school, all of whom at the season of Labor Day, have two and one half days vacation or holiday, giving those from a distance who could not come and go in one day an opportunity, to start on Saturday and then return home again Monday.

The chairman then asked for a rising vote on two questions: First, all those who cannot come any day but Sunday. Second, all those who can come on any day. The majority voted for Sunday re-unions. Some one suggested we invite a minister and hold a short religious service. Henry L. Water, of Bellevue, then made the motion that our next reunion be held on Sunday, preceding Labor Day, and that we extend an invitation to a minister from the locality in which the meeting is held, and that we have a short devotional service.

Mrs. Elsie Brown Grossman, seconded the motion and it was carried.

The chairman then asked for invitations for the next

reunion. Henry G. Watson, extended a hearty invitation to come to his farm on the Olentangy River drive, north of Columbus.

Ralph Williams, chairman of the Committee on arrangements asked for an expression from all present as to whether they desired to go to Columbus, or some place in Crawford or Seneca Counties. A rising vote showed a majority in favor of a location in one of the latter named counties. No definite place could be agreed upon; however Ralph Williams promised to find a suitable place for the next meeting.

The chairman then asked for a rising vote of thanks to Jacob Walter and family, for their kind hospitality. Mary Slack, asked for a rising vote of appreciation to those who were instrumental in getting this reunion started; namely: Emma Williams Revert, Matilda Smith Vogt, Mary Walter Brown, and Louise Vollmer.

The chairman requested a contribution of cash to defray any expenses, that may have been incurred, so John Williams passed the hat and received \$12.35 for the treasury.

Every person present was asked to register and the close of the day showed that 38 had registered for the John Frederick Walter family. Twenty-one for the Fredericka Williams family. Two for the Caroline Walter Smith family, and two for the Louise Walter Smith family. Six for the Mary Walter Vollmer and nineteen for the John Conrad Walter family, making a total of 88 relatives and three visitors. Amelia Brown Watson was asked to recite a poem and she responded with Ralph Waldo Emerson's, "Each and All."

Another item worthy of notation was a gift of several



dozen of beautiful Gladiola blooms from Fred Smith, Garrett, Indiana.

The meeting was closed with the hymn: "God be with you 'till we meet again" and the Lord's Prayer in unison. Kodak pictures were then taken of the groups as a whole also of the different generations.

Soon the "Goodbyes" were heard and every one hoping to see every one else at next year's reunion.

Dorothea F. Vollmer, Secretary pro tem.



THE OLD HOMESTEAD

### A Visit To Grandpa's

Come go to grandpa's now with me;  
It's just beyond the ceme'ry;  
Down by the mill where Endslove grinds  
The wheat and grain of many kinds.

The path leads us past Wolf's front door;  
At Bieber's woods we rest once more,  
Beneath the shade of beechnut trees,  
And hear the hum of bumble bees.

The boughs hang low enough to reach;  
We swing a bit—tear down a switch  
'n drag it 'long.—lest snakes we see  
Before we reach the poplar tree.

Where turns the road to Utz's lane  
Across the ditch, swelled from the rain,  
That flows through Kappel's bottom land,  
And on through Studer's loamy sand.



We're almost there; for we can see  
The orchard now—the apple tree;  
We cut across the fertile field  
Of bladed corn and bounteous yield.

We snatch an apple, even two,—  
Gate apples, as we're passing through;  
We hear the geese and quacking ducks,  
And see the pile of walnut shucks.  
That Uncle Jake and Uncle John  
Had stained their hands and fingers on.

We stop to view the garden spot  
Of colors rare: forget-me-not—  
And bachelor buttons, hollyhocks  
Stand stately circled 'mid crimson phlox,  
We lift the latch and enter in  
This paradise that's free from sin.

Forbidden fruit we have been told,  
Yet firmly in each hand we hold  
Some poppy seed and ground cherries;  
Our lips are stained with raspberries.

But there comes Shep with leap and bound  
The echoes of his barks resound,  
And we no longer are concealed,  
And there, life-sized, we stand revealed  
Before grandpa, and grandma, too,  
Where shall we go?—what shall we do?

But ah! with outstretched arms they stand;  
Then slowly lead us by the hand  
By stepping-stones into that home  
Where travelers pause and cease to roam.

The old Swiss clock hangs on the Wall,  
And makes us wish that we were tall  
Enough to reach and touch its face,  
As grandpa does with ease and grace.  
How we would like to pull those chains.  
But in this house our grandma reigns.

But we must always be intent  
On good behavior, or be sent  
To bed, after grace, before we eat—  
And so we quickly take our seat—  
A little chair, for us preserved,  
And thus we sit there undisturbed  
Till grandma cooks the noonday meal.  
Then slowly we see grandpa steal  
Into the small bedroom to find  
Something for us—and ne'er you mind!  
In his two hands he kindly brings  
Some rather interesting things.

We're told to ring the dinner bell,  
To get some water from the well;  
Near by the old log-house, where stands  
The grindstone which our dirty hands  
In harvest time turned round and round,  
Till grandpa all his knives had ground.

Up to the brim the pail we fill,  
And drag it up the little hill  
Into the kitchen, just in time  
To hear the church bells faintly chime,  
While grandpa comes with specks and books,  
And grandma puts on serious looks,  
We gather round the table board  
To give our thanks unto the Lord.  
As we partake of tasty food,  
That's cooked so well and tastes so good;  
We truly feel quite thankful for  
Our Grandpa Walter's bounteous store.



Then into great-grandmother's room  
Rode mounted on the faithful broom,  
To find her dressed in gown and cap;  
And with her darning in her lap,  
She seemed to pause; then, staring, gazed  
At us, who pranced quite unamazed  
Around her room in joyous glee—  
Just like a colt that's been set free.

We stopped to look beneath her bed,  
The draperies aside we spread;  
And there before our wistful eyes—  
Lo! and behold, to our surprise,  
What wondrous things she'd tucked away  
For frugal use some future day.

And so today, as we rush on,  
It's nice to have the curtain drawn  
A bit, that we may catch a view  
Of former days—of those we knew  
Long, long ago, when we were young  
To loving hearts in fondness clung,  
And felt the ties that closely binds  
Each one of us to kindred minds;  
And thus we gather year by year  
To greet the ones we love, so dear.

Amelia Brown Watson,

October 22, 1928.





Smith  
White May











**BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR GRANDMA** — Patty Foltz, 17, LaGrange, presents a birthday cake to her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Slack, in the latter's home at 410 Enterprise Ave. in Sturgis. The large numeral which decorates the top of the cake tells the story — Mrs. Slack will celebrate her 99th anniversary tomorrow. A span of 82 years separates Patty and her grandma, age-wise. Patty and her mother, Mrs. Harry Foltz Jr., 334 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, drove to Sturgis with the cake on Saturday. Mrs. Slack has six other grandchildren. Patty is a senior at Lakeland High School in LaGrange.

## Mrs. Slack Observes 99th Anniversary Feb. 11

Mrs. Mary Slack of 410 Enterprise Ave., busy with her housekeeping and cooking, talks about her birthday anniversary next year.

She will be one century old on Feb. 11 in 1970.

Mrs. Slack, meanwhile, waits patiently while preparing to celebrate her 99th anniversary tomorrow.

Mrs. Slack, a resident of Sturgis for 50 years, and one of her sons, Ora V. Slack, retired, reside together and help each other with the housework and the cooking.

Mrs. Slack is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pocahontas Temple No. 121 of the Pythian Sisters, and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born in Ohio, and she and her husband, Charles Slack, lived in the LaGrange area before they moved to Sturgis. Mr. Slack's death occurred in 1946.

Mrs. Slack has one other son, Harley, who resides north of LaGrange; a daughter, Mrs. Roy (Vivian) Sager of Coldwater; seven grandchildren and 17 grandchildren.

Cold weather and slippery sidewalks have been keeping Mrs. Slack indoors of late, but, come spring, she expects to be out again, as she enjoys good health and activity, and claims to be the "world's greatest television fan." She has her favorite shows and never misses any of them.

Mrs. Slack regards Mrs. R. O. Martin of Sturgis as "a mere child." Mrs. Martin celebrates her anniversary — her 97th one — on Feb. 12.



Für sie noch Leben über mich.  
Von aller Ungerechtigkeit,  
Wie steht ich freit dem Jünger Gott,  
Und deiner Gnade, Gott, nach freud.

Der kleinen Wohlthat Gnade ist,  
Auf meine Gaben kostet Gott,  
Geschenkt der Menschen Friede,  
Und das Dich, Gott der Friede, nicht.

Der Anden Gedanken hat gehabt,  
Hab irgend ihn ersehen kann,  
Doch ob sich wogen, findet nicht  
Der Dir Geboren im Herzen.

Er kann nicht weiter Ruhe thun;  
Den Sorgen wird nicht auf ihm ruhn,  
Ob er das Sie, das er hat,  
Nicht Reichtum nicht hat.

# Geburts und Tauf-Schein.

BIRTH & BAPTISMAL RECORD



## Diesen beiden Ehegatten,

aus Johann Friederich Knittel und seiner Ghefrau  
Elisabeth geborene Walter,  
ist ein Sohn zur Welt geboren, den 29sten  
Juni 1867 im Jahr zweies Herrn 1867.

Dieses Kind ist geboren in Lancaster Townsh.  
in Crawford County, in Staat  
Ohio, in Nord-Amerika, und ist getauft  
werden von Hrn. Pfarrer H. F. Seltzer,

und erhielt den Namen

Sebastian Christian.

Die Tauf-Zeugen waren:

Johann Michelsteller und  
Elisabeth Maria Elisabetha Walter.

BIRTH

OHIO.

BAPT. NAME

WITNESS BAPT

Ich bin geräus auf deinen Namen,  
Gott Vater, Sohn und heiliger Geist!  
Ich bin geräus zu deinem Samen,  
Zum Volk, das Dir gebürtig heißt.  
Ich bin in Christum eingekleidet.  
Ich bin mit seinem Geist beschenkt.

Du hast zu deinem Nutz und Erden,  
Mein lieber Vater, mich erklart;  
Du hast die Frucht von deinem Sterben,  
Mein treuer Heiland, mir geschenkt;  
Du willst, mein Vater Gott zu nennen,  
Geist Gottes! gibst mein Beistand Jesu!

Mein treuer Gott, auf deiner Seite  
Bliebe dieser Band wohl feste steh'n,  
Wein aber ich ihn überkreiste,  
So las mich nicht verloren gehn!  
Komm mich, dein Kind, in Gnade an,  
Wein ich hab' einen Fall gehan.

Was Hoffnung und auch Freude nicht,  
Gedächtnis des ewigen Friedens!  
Gott, der ich meine Wahl getan  
Bei Seinen weisen Schritte sei.

Was dem, o Gott! der dich betracht,  
Und nicht durch Unrecht Andre schadet  
Du soll gerede, dies ist auch ich;  
In diesen Bericht stärke mich.



Für sie noch Leben schenkt  
Den alten Unersättigten,  
Die kennt sich freut kein Jünger sonst,  
Und deiner Freude, Welt, sehr wohl gewusst.

Der eines Kindes Blüte fröhlt,  
Der seines Kindes herbst trübt,  
Gedächtnis des Gewissens spätet,  
Und das Dich, Gott der Vater, wünscht.

Der Andere Schaden hat gehabt,  
Und ließ ihn entsetzen kann,  
Doch der sich erweint, findet nicht  
Vor Dir Erbarmen im Vorsta.

Er kann nicht wahr Nach ihm;  
Den Sohn wird nicht auf ihm rufen,  
Ob er das Werk, das er hat,  
Noch ausgleichen will oder nicht.

# Geburts und Tauf-Schein.



Diesen beiden Ehegatten,  
aus Johann Friederich Smith und seiner Gheiter  
Caroline Louise Heine geborene Walter,  
ist ein Sohn zur Welt geboren, den 29sten  
Juni 1867 im Jahr unseres Herrn 1867.  
Dieses Kind ist geboren in Cranberry Town  
in Stafford, im Staat

Ohio, in Nord-Amerika, und ist getauft  
worden von Hrn. Pfarrer H. F. Seeger,  
und erhielt den Namen

Johann Christian.

Die Tauf-Zeugen waren:  
Johann Michael Felder und  
Kinder Maria und Anna Walter.



Ich bin gekänt auf deinen Namen,  
Gott Vater, Sohn und heiliger Geist!  
Ich bin gezählt zu deinem Saamen,  
Zum Volk, das Dir gedenktig heißt.  
Ich bin in Christum eingetauft,  
Ich bin mit seinem Geist beschenkt.

Du hast zu deinem Kind und Erben,  
Mein lieber Vater, mich erkärt;  
Du hast die Frucht von deinem Sterben,  
Mein treuer Herrland, mir gewährt;  
Du willst, mein Vater Gott zu weißt,  
Geist Weltes! selbst mein Weißland seyn!

Mein treuer Gott, auf deiner Seite  
Bleibe dieser Bund wohl fest steh'n.  
Wenn aber ich um überkreide,  
So las mich nicht verloren geh'n!  
Rinne nach, dein Kind, in Gnade an,  
Wenn ich hab' einen Fall gehau.

Wohl Hoffnung und auch Kenntniss nicht,  
Sternleuchter des meinet Wiss'!  
Gib, dass ich in einer Nacht gehen  
Bin jedem weiner Einsicht sei.

Weil dem o Gott der dies betreut,  
Und nicht durch Menschen habe fehlt.  
Du soll gerecht, dies sei auch ich;  
In diesen Vertrag lässe mich.



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CHAPTER VI

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## REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Please read instructions on the reverse. If more space is needed, use plain paper.

**PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION.** The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and E.O. 9397 of November 22, 1943. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. The principal purpose of the information is to assist the facility servicing the records in locating and verifying the correctness of the requested records or information to answer your inquiry. Routine uses of the information as established and published in accordance with 5 U.S.C.a(e)(4)(D)

include the transfer of relevant information to appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies for use in civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations or prosecution. In addition, this form will be filed with the appropriate military records and may be transferred along with the record to another agency in accordance with the routine uses established by the agency which maintains the record. If the requested information is not provided, it may not be possible to service your inquiry.

## SECTION I—INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (Last, first, and middle)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH
Hornberger Isaac		UNK	UNK

## 5. ACTIVE SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below)

BRANCH OF SERVICE <i>(Also, show last organization, if known)</i>	DATES OF ACTIVE SERVICE		Check one		SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD
	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	
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Commissioned Lt.	2/4/1865				

6. RESERVE SERVICE, PAST OR PRESENT *If "none," check here ►*

a. BRANCH OF SERVICE	b. DATES OF MEMBERSHIP	c. Check one OFFICER ENLISTED	d. SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD
	FROM                          TO		

7. NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERSHIP (Check one):  a. ARMY  b. AIR FORCE  c. NONE

d. STATE	e. ORGANIZATION	f. DATES OF MEMBERSHIP	g. Check one OFFICER ENLISTED	h. SERVICE NUMBER DURING THIS PERIOD
		FROM                          TO		

## 8. IS SERVICE PERSON DECEASED

 YES  NO*If "yes," enter date of death.* no date recorded9. IS (WAS) INDIVIDUAL A MILITARY RETIREE  
OR FLEET RESERVIST  YES  NO

## SECTION II—REQUEST

1. EXPLAIN WHAT INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS YOU NEED; OR, CHECK ITEM 2; OR, COMPLETE ITEM 3	Cemetery has been abandoned for years and grave is unmarked. Information is needed so if possible his Grave can be marked with a Military Stone.			2. IF YOU ONLY NEED A STATEMENT OF SERVICE check here <input type="checkbox"/>
3. LOST SEPARATION DOCUMENT REQUEST <i>(Complete a or b, and c.)</i>	a. REPORT OF SEPARATION (DD Form 214 or equivalent)	YEAR ISSUED	This contains information normally needed to determine eligibility for benefits. It may be furnished only to the veteran, the surviving next of kin, or to a representative with veteran's signed release (item 5 of this form).	
	b. DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE	YEAR ISSUED	This shows only the date and character at discharge. It is of little value in determining eligibility for benefits. It may be issued only to veterans discharged honorably or under honorable conditions; or, if deceased, to the surviving spouse.	
	c. EXPLAIN HOW SEPARATION DOCUMENT WAS LOST			

4. EXPLAIN PURPOSE FOR WHICH INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED  Info needed in process of efforts to force Twp. Trustee to clean and maintain Cemetery in accordance with State Law governing abandoned Cemeteries	6. REQUESTER
	a. IDENTIFICATION (check appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> Same person identified in Section I <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Next of kin (relationship) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) Frank J. Smith Sexton
	b. SIGNATURE (see instruction 3 on reverse side)
	DATE OF REQUEST <i>Frank J. Smith</i> <i>Jan. 20, 1992</i>

5. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION, IF REQUIRED <i>(Read instruction 3 on reverse side)</i>  I hereby authorize release of the requested information/documents to the person indicated at right (item 7).	7. Please type or print clearly —  Name, number and street, city, State and ZIP code  TELEPHONE NO. (if area code) ►	COMPLETE RETURN ADDRESS  Frank J. Smith Box 245 Ashley, In. 46705 0215
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*(If signed by other than veteran  
show relationship to veteran.)*



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Record of Burials in the Lutz Cemetery located on C.R. 24 East  
of Waterloo on the Carl Walker farm in Section 2 Grant Twp.

McEntarffer Silas	died April 6, 1857	6 mo.
Albert	died Feb. 10, 1862	1 yr.
Andrew	died Aug. 20, 1862	3 yrs.
Mattie	died May 29, 1872	6 yrs.
Children of S. & E. McEntarffer		
Husselman Mary A.	died Oct. 4, 1863	
Daughter of D.G. & G.C. Husselman		
Dunn George	died May 3, 1861	22 yrs.
Son of J. & E. Dunn		
Hornd--er Lt. Isaac	Co.N 307A Ind. Inf	
Dunn William	died Sept. 1871	26 yrs.
John	died May 22, 1863	
Elizabeth	died May 21, 1837	
Fanny	wife of John Dunn died Sept. 24, 1851	24 yrs.
Kissell Harriett	died Aug. 21, 1866	
	wife of Rev. J.C. Kissell	
Lutz Michael	died Sept. 8, 1849	53 yrs.
Magdaline	died Aug. 22, 1882	86 yrs
	wife of M. Lutz	
Campbell Obadiah	died Dec. 19, 1863	
	son of L.G. Campbell	
Mary	died Dec. 19, 1867	
	wife of L.G. Campbell	
Bicholberger Jacob	died Aug. 13, 1855	
----- Catherine	died May 10, 1842	
	wife of -----	
Brandery Sarah A.	died May 17, 1854	
	Daughter of E. & E. Brandery	
McEntarfer Jeremiah	died Dec. 21, 185-	
-----	large stone face down	
Walker Lydia	died Aug. 24, 1855	11 yrs.
	daughter of J.F. & C. Walker	
Gingrich Magdalana	died April 20, 1856	
	wife of ----- Gingrich	
McEntarfer William	died Jan. 29, 1872	51 yrs.
Levi	died Jan. 22, 1860	32 yrs.
Christian	died Mar. 13, 1859	66 yrs.

Goodwin Daniel died Sept. 24, 185-

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Lutz Cemetery

Located in Section 2, Grant Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, northeast of Waterloo on County Road 24.

McENTARFER, Sila, d. 6 April 1857, ae 6m, 22d  
Albert, d. 10 Feb. 1862, ae 1y, 1m, 1d  
Andrew, d. 20 Aug. 1863, ae 3y, 6m, 5d  
Hattie, d. 29 May 1879, ae 6y, 8m, 2d

Children of S. & E. McEntarfer

Samuel, d. 11 April 1881, ae 52y, 3m, 13d

HUSSELMAN, Mary A., dau. of U.C. & G.C., d. 4 Oct. 1863, ae 1y, 8m, 22d

DUNN, George, son of J. & E., d. 3 May 1861, ae 22y, 5d

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LEUT FSB ER HORNB\_\_ER, Leut, Isaac, Co. N., 30th Ind. Inf.

DUNN, William, d. 15 Sept. 1871, ae 26y, 7m, 30d  
John, d. 22 May 1863, ae 47y, 10m, 26d  
Elizabeth, wife of John, d. 2 May 1887, ae 66y, 5d  
Fanny, d. 24 Sept. 1851, ae 24y, 6m, 15d

KISSELL, Harriett, wife of Rev. J.G., d. 21 Aug. 1866, ae 43y, 11m, ?d

LUTZ, Michael, d. 8 Sept. 1849, ae 53y, 4m, 25d  
Magdalene, wife of M., d. 22 Aug. 1882, ae 86y, 10m, 16d

CAMPBELL, Obediah, son of L.G., d. 19 Dec. 1863, ae 21y, 19m, 15d  
Mary, wife of L.G., d. 19 Dec. 1863, ae 43y, 11m, 2d

Eicholberger, Jacob, d. 18 Aug. 1855, ae 61y

\_\_\_\_\_, Catherine, wife of \_\_\_\_\_, d. 10 May 1842

BRANDERY, Sary Ann, dau. of B. & E., d. 17 May 1854, ae 5y, 10m, 24d



Lutz Cemetery

McENTARFER, Jeremiah, d. 21 Dec. 1850, ae 1y, 10m

\_\_\_\_\_, A large stone face down

WALKER, Lydia, dau. of J.R. & C., d. 24 Aug. 1855, ae 11y,  
10m, 11d

GINGRICH, Magdalana, wife of ?, d. 20 April 1856, ae 62y,  
11m

McENTARFER, William, d. 29 Jan. 1873, ae 51y, 6m, 28d  
Levi, d. 22 Jan. 1866, ae 32y  
Christian, d. 18 Mar. 1859, ae 66y



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